

The Mountain Ear

July 2018

President's Message

Greetings Members,

July already! Hopefully everyone is enjoying summer. Our already normally short summer season seems to be shrinking this year as spring-like conditions prevail (personally I am loving it though—green hillsides around the valley and plenty of snow still in the high country!). Get out and enjoy!

This will be an abbreviated newsletter this month as we don't have a whole lot of news to relay. Currently we are concentrating on *GETTING OUT!* Climb, hike, bike, paddle, ski or fly (ok, I just put that last one in there for our Vice President)- this time of year we like to use every available moment to have fun! Take a look at our list of trips below and continue to keep an eye on our website calendar for new trips or changes to existing ones. And don't be shy- if you want to see something else offered, just send an email or a note and let us know.

The primary event we are planning for right now is the *GLACIER CLASSIC*. All of the details are below. NOW is the time to let us know you are coming! We do have a limited number of spots available so don't wait until the bitter end. It will be a blast!

Cheers and Happy Independence Day,
Forest Dean

Upcoming Trips and Activities

Bike and Hike- **McLeod Peak (Rattlesnake)**- Sun, July 8
Alpine Climb- **Mt. Forbes (Banff NP)**- Thur-Mon, July 12-16
Scramble- **Mountaineer Peak (Missions)**- Sat, July 14
Rock Climbing- **Stone Hill (Koochanusa)**- Fri-Sun, July 20-22
Hiking- **Wallman Trail (Rattlesnake)**- Sun, July 22
Alpine Climb- **Grand Teton (Tetons)**- Fri-Sun, July 27-29
Hiking- **Seigel Pass (Nine Mile Valley)**- Sun, August 5
Alpine Traverse-**Mission Mountains**- Sat, August 11
Various- **GLACIER CLASSIC**- Fri-Sun, August 17-19
Alpine Climb- **Mt. Sir Donald (Selkirks)**- Thur-Sun, August 23-26
Alpine Climb- **Grand/Middle Tetons (Tetons)**- Fri-Mon, Aug 31- Sept 3

Please visit our website for all the details on these trips!!

www.rockymountaineers.com

The 14th Annual Glacier Classic

Friday, August 17- Sunday, August 19

This year will mark the 14th anniversary of The Rocky Mountaineers signature event- The Glacier Classic! This year we will again be basing our activities out of Johnson's Campground, a private campground in St. Mary. We have a number of good climbs and hikes planned (see below). While the trips are the focal point of the weekend, the camaraderie enjoyed at the camp in the evenings is often just as fun and memorable.

Whether it's your first time or your 14th, it's certain to be a blast!

We have six sites reserved at Johnson's for the event. Each site should hold 6-8 campers. We would like to accommodate all who wish to attend, so please register NOW to ensure we have a spot for you. Feel free to bring anyone interested- just let us know so we can get them on the roster. Alternatively, you are certainly free to get your own campsite (or stay elsewhere) but still join us for the activities and socializing.

Itinerary:

Friday- We currently have two trip offerings for those wishing to arrive early. Most folks will likely head up to St. Mary and arrive sometime Friday afternoon or evening. Eat, drink, be social. Bring your own food and drink. Around 8:00 we will have the Saturday trip leaders announce their plans for the following day.

Saturday- Climbs and hikes during the day. In the evening we'll gather in camp for the infamous **Hanou Burrito** dinner! (bring your own drinks)

Sunday- More hikes and climbs for those interested, or head home whenever you desire.

Trips:

Friday

MT. BROWN- Hike the trail from Lake McDonald Lodge area to the Mt. Brown Lookout, then scramble and climb to the summit. Class 3-4. Leader: John Bardsley

REYNOLDS MTN.- Southwest Slope Route. Hike to Hidden Lake Overlook then south on mountaineers trail to SW corner of mountain. Scramble up talus slopes and then through easy class 3 cliffs to summit. Leader: Susanna Phillips

Saturday

GOING-TO-THE-SUN MOUNTAIN- Southeast Ridge Route from the highway. Will climb up to the SE Ridge and then up the snow/glacier high on the East face of mountain to the summit. Class 3-4. Leader: Forest Dean

MT. WILBUR- Climb one of the iconic Glacier "technical peaks". The climb will ascend the Thin Man's Pleasure Route. Class 5. Leader: Joshua Phillips

YELLOW MOUNTAIN- A hike to Poia Lake then scramble up to the varied summits of Yellow Mtn. Long day at a sustained pace. Class 3-4. Leader: Laurel Vielle

GRINNELL LAKE AND GLACIER- Trail hike to one of the most spectacular lakes in the Rockies. Class 1. Leader: Tom Hanou

Sunday

CLEMENTS MOUNTAIN- Depending on interest level, will climb this one of two ways: either directly up the east facing gully (Class 5), or hike around to the west saddle between Clements and Cannon, then a scramble to the summit (Class 3). Leader: Forest Dean

PIEGAN MOUNTAIN- This trip will start just east of Logan Pass. Scramble up the Lunch Creek drainage to the saddle between Piegan and Pollock then an easy scramble to the summit. Class 2. Leader: Susanna Phillips.

For more details on all these trips, please visit: www.rockymountaineers.com and select the Glacier Classic tab.

For more information or to register please email: Forest Dean - mtnear1@gmail.com

Achievement Awards

The Rocky Mountaineers annually recognize any current club member who has completed one or more of the several peak lists listed on our website:

(www.rockymountaineers.com/index.php/achievement-awards). Perhaps you have finished one of these lists and don't even know it! We'd love to present a few folks with a certificate of accomplishment at our September "Welcome Back Party". So, take a look at the lists, then get busy...you have two months!

Trip Reports

All reports from club trips can be found at: <http://therockymountaineers.blogspot.com>

All future Trip Reports will be posted and archived on this site as well.